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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 3392

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SUBJ: SPANISH NUN EXPELLED

REF: GUATEMALA 3273

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1. SPANISH DOMINICAN NUN, SISTER RAYMUNDA ALONSO QUERALT,
WAS DETAINED JUNE 6 IN ALTA VERAPAZ AND DEPORTED JUNE 7
TO EL SALVADOR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED COMMENT OTHER
THAN THAT THE NUN HAD BEEN MIXED UP IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
UNRELATED TO PANZOS AND THAT FOREIGNERS ARE FORBIDDEN BY LAW
ANY INVOLVEMENT IN DOMESTIC POLITICS. ACCORDING TO THE
MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, NOTHING MORE CAN BE SAID ABOUT THIS
PARTICULAR MCASE SINCE IT IS RELATED TO OTHER INVESTIGATIONS
BEING CONDUCTED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH THE INVESTIGATION BEING CARRIED OUT WITH RESPECT
TO THE PANZOS INCIDENT (REFTEL).
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2. MINISTER OF DEFENSE SPIEGELER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
FOREIGN MISSIONARIES, BOTH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT, ARE BEING
INVESTIGATED FOR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL MATTERS.
HE WAS QUOTED BY A REPORTER JUNE 7 TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF
"MAINLY AMERICANS AND SPANIARDS" WHO "COULD BE EXPELLED
FROM GUATEMALA" FOR INCITING CAMPESINOS.

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3. COMMENT. SISTER RAYMUNDA WAS HUSTLED OUT OF GUATEMALA APPARENTLY BEFORE INTERESTED PARTIES COULD INTERVENE ON HER BEHALF (E.G., SPANISH AMBASSADOR, PAPAL NUNCIO, ALTA VERAPAZ BISHOP). THE ONLY EXPLANATION WHICH HAS COME TO LIGHT ABOUT HER ALLEGED POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS: REPORTEDLY SHE HANDED OUT SOME CALENDARS ADVERTISING THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO THE CHAGRIN ON THE LOCAL MAYOR. HER DEPORTATION MIGHT HAVE AROUSED ONLY PASSING ATTENTION HAD IT NOT OCCURRED AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN SUCH PROXIMITY TO PANZOS. (SHE REPORTEDLY WAS WORKING WITH LOCAL WOMEN'S GROUPS IN CAHABON, ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS ACROSS A MOUNTAIN RANGE NORTHWEST OF PANZOS.) AS IT IS, SHE HAS BECOME A CAUSE CELEBRE BRINGING TOGETHER CHURCH FOLLOWERS AND COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS FASGUA WHICH HAS CAMPESINO AFFILIATES IN PANZOS, IN PROTESTING RECENT GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS THIS WEEK HAVE COME OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT. THERE ARE REPORTS, HOWEVER, OF A MOVE TO BRING ALTA VERAPAZ CAMPESINOS TO THE CAPITAL TO JOIN THE PROTESTS. AT ANY RATE, PANZOS, WHICH HAD BEEN FADING SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS (COMPETING WITH WORLD CUP, RISING BUS FARES, ETC., FOR ATTENTION), HAS SUDDENLY CAPTURED NEW AND BIGGER HEADLINES BECAUSE OF SISTER RAYMUNDA'S DEPORTATION. WHILE DOUBTLESS TRUE THAT RELIGIOUS

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WORKERS HAVE RAISED THE CONSCIOUSNESS LEVEL OF THE HARD-PRESSED INDIAN CAMPESINOS, THIS ACTION AND COMMENTS SUCH AS THOSE OF GENERAL SPIEGELER REVEAL AN ALL TOO FAMILIAR INSENSITIVITY TO GUATEMALA'S IMAGE PROBLEM.

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